Coal-based power plants in Krishnapatnam and Visakhapatnam

*670. SHRI BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for wide variations in the project costs of coal-based power plants indicated by the private sector companies from Rs. 3500 crores for a 1000 MW power plant in Krishnapatnam to Rs. 5817.60 crores for a 1000 MW power plant at Visakhapatnam, both located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether MOUs and the Power Purchase Agreements have been signed in both these projects and if so, the dates thereof.

(c) when were the project reports of these projects received and cleared by CEA; and

(d) what is the cost of the project (Rs. crores|MW) and cost of generation (P|kwh) as per the proejct report of these projects, and as cleared by CEA?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The project report for setting up a 1000 MW thermal power project at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh by Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited which was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March 1995, indicates the estimated cost of the project as Rs. 4797 crores (completion in 1999). No project report has been received in the CEA for setting up a 1000 MW thermal power project at Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh by a private sector company. Therefore, it is not possible to compare the costs at this stage.

(b) The details of the dates on which the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) for Krishnapatnam and Visakhapatnam power projects were signed are as follows:—

	Date of MOU	Date of PPA
(i) Visakhapatnam TPS 2x500MW with M/s Ashok Leyland/National Power U.K.	17-7-1992	9-12-1994
(ii) Krishnapatnam 'A' TPS with M/s GVK Power Ltd. 2x250 MW	Awarded through bidding	23-11-1994
(iii) Krishnapatnam 'B' TPS with M/s Besicorp Brookklyn USA, 2x250 MW.	Do.	24-11-1994

(c) and (d) No project report has been received by the CEA for Krishnapatnam A&B Power projects. Project report for Visakhapatnam TPS by M|s Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. was received by CEA in March, 1995. As per their report the cost per| MW is Rs. 4.80 crores and cost of generation is Rs. 2.546 per|Kwh in the first year of operation. The project is yet to be cleared by the Central Eletricity Authority.

Non-Performing Advance of Banks and Financial Institutions

*671. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-performing advance of Rs. 25,000 and above as on 31st

March, 1994 of banks and financial institutions separately;

(b) the break-up of doubtful and loss of advance of Rs. 25,000 and above within the total of non-performing advance; and

(c) what is the percentage of advances to large industrial houses and other borrowers having outstanding of Rs. 1 crore and above in each category of non-performing advances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the total non-performing advances (NPAs) of Public sector banks and five all India term lending financial institutions as on 31.3.94 aggregated Rs. 39,552,96 crores and Rs. 6536.1 crores respectively. The data regarding such advances of Rs. 25,000/- and above are not available separately.

(b) The break-up of doubtful and loss advances of public sector banks and financial institutions as on 31st March, 1994 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Public sector banks	Financial Institution
1. Doubtful	23317.20	2562.3
2. Loss	4072.92	..

(c) So far as public sector banks are concerned, the percentage of advances to large industrial houses and other borrowers having outstanding of Rs. 1 crore and above in doubtful and loss categories to total non-performing advances is 11.44 per cent and 4.29 per cent respectively. As regards financial institutions (FIs), RBI has reported that it does not collect break-up details for FIs.

Programmes of National integration and communal harmony

672. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes which were telecast by Doordarshan in the National Network for promoting national integration and communal harmony during 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the names of such programmes;

(b) whether Doordarshan will consider producing a weekly serial in line with the popular serials on communal harmony and national integration; and

(c) whether Doordarshan will consider having a separate Channel for promoting communal harmony, national integration, scientific temper among citizens and entrepreneural skills for self employment etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Programmes promoting national integration and communal harmony have been regular features on Doordarshan's programme schedule for many years now. Some of the programmes telecast during this period are indicated in the enclosed statement. (see below). These themes would continue to be highlighted by Doordarshan in the future also in different programme formats.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.